

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MUSLIM REPRESENTATION IN TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of students from minority sections is much lower in technical and educational institutions compared to other sections of population; and

(b) the steps that has taken to improve the situation by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS(A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) According to the Sachar Committee, the graduate attainment rate for minorities is less than their share in population.

(b) Several schemes have been launched such as a merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme for student in technical/professional courses at under graduate/post graduate levels, post-matric scholarship scheme, and a free coaching & allied scheme, to improve the representation of students from minority communities in higher and technical education.